

FISCAL NOTE

HB 22 - SB 64

February 24, 1997

SUMMARY OF BILL: Provides that any appropriate and able inmate sentenced to the Department of Correction, county jail or county workhouse shall, during any period of incarceration, be required to perform labor wearing leg irons in chain-gang type work groups.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - **\$3,514,000 Net Recurring**
 \$4,812,500 Non-Recurring

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* - **\$1,200,000 Net Recurring**
 \$1,588,000 Non-Recurring

Assumes approximately 10,000 felons annually will serve 90 days on chain-gangs and approximately 10,000 misdemeanants annually will serve 30 days on chain-gangs.

Estimate includes cost of adding 500 additional correctional officers, equipment and vehicles to supervise and transport inmates to work sites.

Estimated recurring cost has been reduced by an amount representing estimated savings to state and local governments from the use of inmate labor for certain work projects versus contracting such work out or using governmental employees.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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